

HOPE CHURCH



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November 9, 2025

Reflections

“There is no attribute more comforting to His children than that of God’s Sovereignty. Under the most adverse circumstances, in the most severe trials, they believe that Sovereignty has ordained their afflictions, that Sovereignty overrules them, and that Sovereignty will sanctify them all... it is God upon the throne that we love to preach. It is God upon His throne whom we trust.”

Charles Spurgeon

“A great mystery: to redeem our brokenness and lovelessness the God who suffers with us did not strike some mighty blow of power but sent his beloved son to suffer like us, through his suffering to redeem us from suffering and evil. Instead of explaining our suffering, God shares it.”

Nicholas Wolterstorff

“Hast Thou not bid me seek Thy face,
And shall I seek in vain?
And can the ear of sovereign grace,
Be deaf when I complain?
No, still the ear of sovereign grace,
Attends the mourner’s prayer.
Oh may I ever find access,
To breathe my sorrows there.”

Anne Steele

Order of Worship

GATHERING

Until These Tears Are Gone

Flood this heart with assurance of Your mercy
Fill this mind with knowledge of Your love
Hold me fast through the deep and steady current
How long how long till these tears are gone

Every hour awake me to Your presence
Shine Your light brighter than the dawn
Send Your joy illuminate the darkness
How long how long till these tears are gone
How long how long till these tears are gone

I'll fix my eyes on eternity above
Where every lie is uncovered by Your love

Every lie every shadow
Is uncovered by Your love

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord waits to be gracious to you,
and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you.

**For the Lord is a God of justice;
blessed are all those who wait for him.**

Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him,
on those who hope in his steadfast love,
that he may deliver their soul from death
and keep them alive in famine.

**Our soul waits for the Lord;
he is our help and our shield.**

For our heart is glad in him,
because we trust in his holy name.

**Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,
even as we hope in you.**

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

GATHERING SONG

Christ Our Hope In Life And Death

What is our hope in life and death?
Christ alone, Christ alone;
What is our only confidence?
That our souls to Him belong!
Who holds our days within His hand?
What comes, apart from His command?
And what will keep us to the end?
The love of Christ, in which we stand.

O sing hallelujah!
Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess:
Christ, our hope in life and death!

What truth can calm the troubled soul?
God is good; God is good!
Where is His grace and goodness known?
In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise?
Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

Unto the grave, what will we sing?
"Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring?
Everlasting life with Him!
There we will rise to meet the Lord,
Then sin and death will be destroyed,
And we will feast in endless joy,
When Christ is ours forevermore!

PRAISE SONG

I Need Thee Every Hour

I need thee every hour,
most gracious Lord;
no tender voice like thine
can peace afford.

I need thee, O I need thee;
every hour I need thee!
O bless me now, my Savior,
I come to thee.

I need thee every hour,
stay thou near by;
temptations lose their power
when thou art nigh.

I need thee every hour,
in joy or pain;
come quickly, and abide,
or life is vain.

I need thee every hour;
teach me thy will,
and thy rich promises
in me fulfill.

CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal and all-knowing God. Your ways are mysterious to us. Teach us to be still and to wait for You. We confess our sinfulness, our need for control, and our discomfort with the unknown. Instead of turning to You, we numb our pain with temporary distractions. We pretend to have our lives together when we really feel inadequate and insecure. Thank You for Your patience with us when we are slow to recognize Your activity in our lives. Fill us with an awareness of Your presence. Replace our fear with trust. Turn our anxiety into wonder. Give us Your peace and joy as we live by faith and not by sight. In the strong Name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him.

1 Thessalonians 5:9-10

RENEWAL SONG

It Is Well

When peace like a river, attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say
It is well, it is well, with my soul

It is well (it is well)
With my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come
Let this blest assurance control
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood for my soul

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, o my soul!

And Lord haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;
Even so: it is well with my soul!

PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

CHILDREN DISMISSED

LIFE TOGETHER

PREACHING OF THE WORD

“That You May Believe: When God Delays”

David Speakman

¹ Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. ³ So the sisters sent to him, saying, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” ⁴ But when Jesus heard it he said, “This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.”

⁵ Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶ So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷ Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” ⁸ The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?” ⁹ Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. ¹⁰ But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him.” ¹¹ After saying these things, he said to them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him.” ¹² The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover.” ¹³ Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. ¹⁴ Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus has died, ¹⁵ and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” ¹⁶ So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

John 11:1-16

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon Notes

RESPONSE

SONG OF RESPONSE

My Friends May You Grow in Grace

My friends, may you grow in grace
And in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior.
My friends, may you grow in grace
And in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

To God be the glory!
Now and forever

Now and forever, Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

My Help My God

Why are you so full of heaviness
Why are you disquieted within
Oh my soul oh my soul
As the deer longs for the water brooks
So my soul it longs and thirsts for You
Oh my God oh my God

Put your trust in God I will yet give thanks to Him
Put your trust in God I will yet give thanks to Him
Put your trust in God I will yet give thanks to Him
My Help my God

Deep goes unto deep like ocean waves
All Your floods and rapids on me break
Oh my soul oh my soul
I will say unto my God my strength
How is it You have forgotten me
Oh how long oh how long

Yahweh grants His kindness in the day
Through the night His song it is that stays
Oh my soul oh my soul

My help my God
My help my God

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

COMMUNION SONG

All Things New

Come Lord, and tarry not;
Bring the long-looked-for day;
O why these years of waiting here,
These ages of delay?

Come, for Thy saints still wait;
Daily ascends their sigh:
The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come":
Dost Thou not hear the cry?

O come and make all things new,
Come and make all things new,
O come and make all things new.
Build up this ruined Earth,
Come and make all things new.

Come, for creation groans,
Impatient of Thy stay,
Worn out with these long years of ill,
These ages of decay.

Come for love waxes cold,
Its steps are faint and slow;
Faith now is lost in unbelief,
Hope's lamp burns dim and low.

Come, Lord, and wipe away,
The curse, the sin, the stain
And make this broken world of ours,
Thine own fair world again.

Come and begin thy reign,

Of everlasting peace,
Come, take the kingdom to Thyself,
Great King of Righteousness!

SENDING

SENDING SONG

Everlasting God

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord

Our God You reign forever
Our Hope our strong Deliv'rer

You are the everlasting God
The everlasting God
You do not faint
You won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles

BENEDICTION

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Hebrews 13:20-21

LIFE TOGETHER

SERVE

Clemmons Food Pantry bins are in the lobbies; the need is great!

CHURCH LIFE

MRFM Matching Gift - Nov 1-Dec 31: All gifts and increased/new commitments up to \$500,000 matched by a generous donor.

2026 Mission Trips Interest Meeting - Nov. 9 12:30pm (Lunch Included).

Gathering Hour - Nov. 24 8-9pm: All women welcome at Lot 63!

Advent Wreath Making - Nov. 30 10am: Registration open.

First Wednesday Fellowship - Dec. 3 5:30-7pm: All welcome!

Blue Christmas Prayer Service - Dec. 3 7pm: A service of lament and hope.

Men's Breakfast - Dec. 6 8:30-10am: Breakfast with Guest Speakers.

Lessons & Carols - Dec. 7 6:30pm: Hosted at Redeemer Church.

PARENTS & CHILDREN

Progressive Friendsgiving - Nov. 23 5-7pm: Registration open to all youth.

Kids Connection - *November Verse* - There are also many other things that Jesus did. Were every one of them to be written I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. There's so much more. John 21:25

FINANCIAL UPDATE AS OF NOVEMBER 4TH, 2025

	Actual to Date	Budget through 11/30	Difference	
Income	\$1,071,224	\$1,246,714	-\$175,490	-14.08%
Expense	\$1,152,029	\$1,358,892	-\$206,862	-15.22%
Surplus (Deficit)	-\$80,805	-\$112,178	\$31,373	

ANNUAL MINISTRY BUDGET: \$1,482,783

Making Room for More	Campaign Goal	Campaign Commitments	Gifts Received
	\$8.6 million	\$5,236,302	\$2,877,755